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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

At about 1500 on 2 March 1955, it was observed that the strip of woods between the railroad line and Mahlwinkel airfield had been cleared. No activity was under way at the field nor were any aircraft seen there.

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           Comment. Mahlwinkel airfield is an auxiliary airfield covering an area of 2,800 x 600 meters with a sodded runway 1,700 x 100 meters. The soil has continuously been reported as being in a poor condition and unsuitable for aircraft operations. In June 1953, flying lanes were cleared at the western end of the field. Prior to March 1954, there were repeated rumors of reconditioning work at the field. In March 1954, it was reported that the soil at the field must settle before reconditioning work can start. After a Soviet commission inspected the field in September 1954, it was rumored that a concrete runway would be constructed. It remains to be seen if the clearing of the woods mentioned in the present report is connected with the construction of a runway

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